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In re Application of:

Daniel J. Branagan

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AMENDMENT A

Dear Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are filed in response to the Office Action mailed January 24, 2003 the three-month shortened statutory period for response to which expired on April 24, 2003.

Introductory Comments

The present Response is submitted in the Revised Amendment Format and therefore qualifies for waiver of provisions 37 CFR 1.121(a), (b), (c) and (d).